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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

In response to the First Office Action mailed October 10, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following Response.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner rejected objected to informalities for Claims 2-3 and 15-19, and appropriate amendments are made herein.

Claims 15, 16, and 19 were objected to under U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph for being indefinite. Appropriate amendments are made herein.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 8-14, 17, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,892,069 to Flynn (hereafter “Flynn”). Claims 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Flynn in view of U.S. Patent 6,804,221 to Marget (hereafter “Marget”). Claims 15 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Flynn in view of U.S. Patent 6,681,259 to Lemilainen. Claims 16 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Flynn in view of U.S. Patent 6,771,609 to Gudat